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MEMORANDUM FOR DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: National Women's History Month

National Women's History Month, celebrated in March, highlights the exceptional accomplishments of women throughout history, while acknowledging the equally significant obstacles they had to overcome to be successful. National Women's History Month was created because these role models for our future generations of women leaders were left out of our history books.

The 2003 theme, "*Women Pioneering the Future*," incorporates the past with the future. It celebrates the historical contributions of women, while highlighting the innovative women of today. It addresses the passion for pioneering our present for future generations. Many women have shaped our future with their pioneering passion. Rachel Carson's passion for pioneering the future led to the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency. This scientist and environmentalist published Silent Spring in 1962 resulting in international attention focused on the use of pesticides. Mae Jemison's passion for pioneering the future made her the first woman of color in space. This former astronaut, medical doctor, scientist, and educator is the founder and director of the Jemison Institute, which advances the use of technology in developing countries. Yuri Kochiyama's passion for pioneering the future made her a civil rights advocate. After being interned in a Japanese relocation center during the World War II, she began her life-long campaign for social justice by building bridges between people of diverse cultural backgrounds.

Join me in celebrating National Women's History Month. Let us celebrate women who were the pioneers of today and women who are pioneering tomorrow by participating in events sponsored by the Defense Logistics Agency and your local community.

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